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AVON PARK LOCALS.

The mason arrived Tuesday night to build the chimney and fire place for the Dart house.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Doolittle has been pretty sick for several days. Today, (Monday Sept. 18th) Mrs. Doolittle went with the child to Wauchula to the doctor there.

Mrs. L. A. Tyler and her son, Guy, got back to the Park Friday evening, Sept. 15th, and took everything by surprise. They came six weeks earlier than they had intended, by reason of Guy's physical condition, and at the urgent advice of his physicians.

A camping party of Avon Park folks went southwest to the Lakes on Wednesday. We don't know who all went. Geo. F. Smith and family, Mrs. Hassie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daugherty were supposed to be sure to go, and others were mentioned.

Chicago railroad men estimate that it would require a solid train 1,970 miles long to transport all of the grain that will be harvested and marketed in this country this year. This includes wheat, corn, oats and other grains. It is difficult to grasp the full meaning of such figures.

Mrs. H. E. Godwin, who started last week for Orlando, to enter the hospital there, was too sick to go on from Fort Meade. Her husband called Dr. Reagin and placed her in his care. Mr. Godwin remained there three days and then came home for a day or two, returning to Fort Meade Sunday.

The lot adjoining that upon which the Episcopal church stands is now a part of the church property, having been bought by Bishop Gray to enlarge the church lot. It was bought from Nelson Steele. It will now be fenced within the same enclosure with the church and will make the enlarged lot 120 x 240 feet.

The friends of Mr. Frank Thompson gave him a surprise visit at his home at Duck Lake Saturday night, Sept. 16th, in honor of his birthday on the 38th inst., which is the 68th anniversary of his natal day. After all had assembled an adjournment was taken to the home of E. J. Masters on Deer Lake, a quarter of a mile distant, where music, dancing and card playing were enjoyed until toward midnight.

The writer was born in the same year with Mr. Frank Thompson and was honored by an invitation to spend the 18th, his birthday, with him at his home. The writer greatly enjoyed the visit and also the hour or two at Mr. and Mrs. Masters. Mr. Thompson was born in Yorkshire, Eng., but has lived in widely separated parts of our world. The writer wishes to say once more that the region about Deer, Fox and Duck lakes is one of the prettiest and best lake centers in this beautiful township.

An Octogenarian.

Mr. August Leopold Wernicke was 80 years old on the 4th of September. His health is good, and he performs a good deal of manual labor notwithstanding his advanced age.

He was born and reared in Germany, educated and married there, and his oldest child was born in that country. In the early fifties he came to the United States, and settled in Wisconsin where he lived until he came here about five years ago.

The chief business of his life has been school teaching, which he began at the age of 18, in his native land, and followed continuously for about forty years.

His friends arranged a party in honor of the 80th anniversary of his birth, but bad weather kept many away. His relatives, and all others who know him, hope that he will live many years yet, and enjoy living. His absent children wrote him letters of congratulations and affection.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and pritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at Ed Greene's drug store.

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THE SOUTH FLORIDA SUN

Avon Park, Florida.

The Orange Picnic

The orange picnic at Capt. Armstrong's came off according to appointment last Saturday the 16th.

The weather was pleasant, and some twenty-five persons attended.

The fruit was ready and the test was carried out as proposed. The three sorts tested were grapefruit, the navel and satsuma oranges.

The vote as to the comparative flavor of the fruit that had been packed and kept in the house and that left lying on the ground under the trees, stood as follows:

| | Packed. | On the ground. |
|--------------|---------|----------------|
| Grapefruit | 8 | 3 |
| Navel orange | 8 | 6 |
| Satsuma | 6 | 9 |

The fruit was picked from the trees Sept. 1st.

The quality of the satsuma was passable. The pulp was quite yellow, but the flavor was not quite that of the mature fruit, yet it was considerably sweet. The skin is about as green as ever, and does not show maturity. The opinion of all who tasted the navel orange and grapefruit is that they are not good to eat yet.

After the fruit had been cut and tested and the vote taken, several patriotic and other songs were sung, and remarks were made by Rev. E. R. Richardson and Prof. E. L. Richardson and also by Rev. S. J. Townsend.

Capt. Armstrong had fixed up benches under the live oaks in front of his house, and had a large American flag displayed, which every one was charged not to forget to salute.

After a vote of thanks to the Capt. and three cheers for him had been given with a will, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Dr. Ed Greene, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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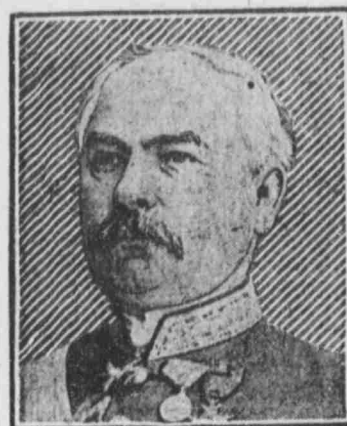
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M. WITTE'S ADVISER.

Work of Professor de Martens in Drafting of Peace Treaty.

In the drafting of the treaty of Portsmouth very important services were rendered by Professor Frederick de Martens, adviser to the Russian commission on matters pertaining to international law. The czar's chief peace envoy, M. Witte, placed much reliance on the counsel of Professor de Martens.

The learned professor is regarded as one of the greatest living authorities on international law. He is sixty years of age, was born at Pernau, in Livland, and the "de" or "von" in his name marks him as belonging to the minor nobility. He has received degrees from numerous Russian and German universities, and Yale university at its bi-centennial celebration in 1901 conferred an honorary degree upon him. Perhaps the most dignified post ever held by Professor de Martens was that



PROFESSOR FREDERICK DE MARTENS.

of member of the arbitration tribunal which sat in judgment upon the case of Venezuela and the powers which had grievances against that fractious republic. In the consideration of this case he sat with the chief justice of the United States and the chief justice of England, and the late ex-President Benjamin Harrison appeared before the court as counsel for Venezuela. The professor is a great believer in the principle of arbitration, headed the Russian delegation to the first peace conference at The Hague and is a judge of the permanent court of arbitration then instituted. He has published several works on such learned subjects as "The International Rights of Civilized Nations," "The Right of Private Property in War" and "The Brussels Conference and the Oriental War of 1877." He is now a professor of law in the University of St. Petersburg. One of the things he admires especially in this country is the American system of education. When he sailed for Russia he carried a certified copy of the treaty of Portsmouth for the czar. His friend, M. Witte, on parting from him kissed and embraced him four times.

MARQUIS ITO.

Career of the Statesman Who Was Recently Stoned by a Mob.

Marquis Ito, president of the Japanese privy council, who was insulted and even stoned by a mob of his fellow countrymen in consequence of the unpopularity of the peace treaty with Russia, is regarded by many as the greatest living Japanese statesman. It was Ito who represented Japan in the peace negotiations between his country and China a decade ago. He won every point for which his countrymen contended and yet so established himself in the confidence of the Chinese as to lay the foundation for a permanent friendship with them. Marquis Ito is a constructive statesman and has had a great share in the establishment in Japan of constitutional government and the introduction of western ideas and civilization.

Hirobumi Ito was born in the province of Choshi in 1840. He is the son of a samurai and as a boy studied Eng-



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lish and Dutch at Nagasaki. In 1861 he visited England and there obtained ideas which determined him to advocate progressive policies in his own country. In 1871 he came to America and studied coinage and mintage and on his return to Japan instituted the mint at Osaka. He brought about the building of the first line of railroad in Japan. He rose to be minister of public works and later minister of the interior and in 1885 was elevated to the peerage and appointed premier. He made an extensive tour of the United States in 1897-8. When he visited England in 1861 he had to secrete himself on a vessel, as the laws of Japan then threatened with death any one who left the country. The great change that has been brought about since that time is largely due to his work.

Wine and Wills.

The Law Magazine and Review tells an odd story of a Hamburg merchant who had five sons who were all ardent teetotalers. The merchant was contrary minded, and, to rescue the misguided young men from the error of their obstinate ways, he directed in his will that each of the five should on the day of the funeral drink a glass of wine to his memory in some public place, adding as a condition subsequent that if any of them should refuse to drink the enjoined glass his share of the inheritance should be forfeited and divided up among the more complaisant brothers, but if all should refuse the whole family property should go to charities.

No other testament so odd on the subject of wine is recalled except that of a total abstainer who left a fine wine cellar, a recent legacy to himself, to his heir, with directions that its contents should be poured untasted on the ground.

The Life Was in Him.

Daniel O'Connell once unraveled a queer plot in a will case. Witness after witness swore that they saw the document duly executed. At last a constantly reiterated expression caught the lawyer's attention, "The life was in him," over and over repeated. "By the virtue of your oath, was he alive?" he asked one witness. "By the virtue of my oath, the life was in him," he was answered. Then O'Connell turned to the man and very slowly and very solemnly said, "Now I call upon you. In the presence of your Maker, who will some day pass sentence upon you for this evidence, I solemnly ask you—and you answer at your peril—was not there a live fly in the dead man's mouth when his hand was placed upon the will?" Cornered and pale with fear, the witness confessed that this had actually happened.

Does the Sun Set?

"It ill becomes any of us to criticize lapses in grammar," says an authority, "when we all of us consent to and constantly make use of one such lapse ourselves. To speak of the 'setting sun' is wholly incorrect. You may set a book on a table or even set a son on a chair if he be big enough not to fall off, but what does the orb of day set, and where does it set? No, sir, queer as it may sound to ears grown accustomed to the universal form, the sun sets. If it sets anything why doesn't it raise something? If it shouldn't be the rising and the setting sun it should be the raising and the setting sun. Think it over, and when you get it arranged to your satisfaction try to find out what you mean when you speak of a setting hen."—Philadelphia Record.

Genesis of the Lightning Rod.

The first lightning rod was not constructed by Franklin nor set up in America, but by a monk at Seutenberg, Bohemia, named Prohop Dilwisch. His apparatus was made and put together during the spring and summer of the year 1754 and was first set up in the garden of the cure of Prenditz (Moravia) on June 15 of the year above named. The rod attained as much distinction as that later made by Franklin and was the cause of the inventor being presented with much money and large estates. His enemies claimed that the rod was the cause of the great drought of 1757, 1758 and 1759, and upon the matter being reported to Vienna it was ordered to be taken down.

Who He Was.

A traveler saw a woman take a man by the collar, yank him up the steps into a railroad car, jam him down into a seat, pile up a valise and two big brown baskets with loose covers and long handles at his feet and say:

"Now, sit there until I help Mary Jane on the car and don't move till I come back."

When the woman reached the door the traveler said to her:

"Is that man your husband?"

"Naw!" roared the woman. "He's my daughter's husband, and she hasn't spirit enough to say her soul is her own."

The Bengal Grosbeak.

The Bengal grosbeak builds a nest shaped like a bottle and always selects for its support a long, lithe limb overhanging a stream of water. The entrance is beneath, and, from the situation and peculiar shape, it is absolutely impossible for a snake to gain admission to the nest. One naturalist records seeing fourteen attempts on the part of serpents to get at the nest, but the hungry snakes always fell off into the water.

Changed Position.

Fielding—How time changes a man! There's Battser. A dozen years ago he was so engrossed with the teams on the diamond that he cared for nothing else. Now all his thoughts are centered in his family. You know he has a wife and eight children. Rhums—Well, that isn't so much of a change. He has simply transferred his interest to his home nine.—Judge.

Working the Old Man.

"Do you think her father will give his consent?"
"Sure! I've been playing poker with him once a week for the last six months and letting him win. He'll feel like he has been offered a pension when I ask him."—Houston Post.

The Best They Could Do.

Rich Uncle—Well, Annabel, have you named the baby for me? Young Wife—Noo, Uncle James, but we have come as near to it as we can. We call her Jimma.—Chicago Tribune.

Childhood has no forebodings, but, then, it is soothed by no memories of outlived sorrow.—George Elliot.

SCOTT'S BODY FOUND

His Relatives Insist That He Was Murdered—Hunting Evidence.

Punta Gorda Herald: Capt. R. J. Fine, keeper of Cape Haze light, found the body of Theodore Scott at 10 a. m. Monday. It was lying face downward, partly covered with the sand of the beach near the mouth of Jug creek, about twenty-three miles down the bay from here. It was clad in shirt, pantaloons and low shoes. The shirt was much rent and torn. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition.

Capt. Fine covered it with a tarpaulin and immediately came up here and notified the authorities.

As the body was found in Lee county, Sheriff Tipping, of that county, and Judge Phil Isaacs summoned a coroner's jury and went to the scene, Tuesday morning, and held an inquest.

A wound on the left leg just above the ankle, which appeared as if made by a bullet passing clear through, was attributed to buzzards, while a small hole near the center of the back was not explained. The skull was intact; the entire abdomen and the stomach were gone.

The body was buried on the beach near the spot where it was found.

Meantime, the story of the bloody shirt, as related by Anderson Jones, was confirmed by the Crow Key fisherman. But Scott's four brothers are not at all satisfied; they persist in believing that their brother was murdered, accordingly one of them has made affidavit against State Johnson and Anderson Jones for the purpose of having the two held until another investigation can be made. The two, therefore, are still held in jail in Arcadia and the Scotts are active in seeking evidence against them.

The verdict of the Lee county coroner's jury was not received up to the Herald's press hour. They are expected to find simply that Theodore Scott came to his death in DeSoto county, in which event Justice McLane, of this city, will make an investigation.

A good many people here agree with the Scotts in the belief that their brother was murdered and thrown overboard.

PINE LEVEL EVENTS.

Death of Mrs. J. W. Sanders—A Good School—Oranges Plentiful.

Pine Level, Sept. 20.—School is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. R. L. Skipper.

F. E. Geiger, who was, a few days ago, called to his old home at Callahan, Fla., to be present at the funeral of his father, has returned.

Miss J. H. Howell and Mrs. Trapnel, of Phosphate, are visiting at the home of Mr. M. T. Howell of this place.

Miss Josephine Geiger, who has been visiting her brother here, has returned to her home in Callahan.

Mr. M. E. Goldsmith, the hustling life insurance agent, representing the New York Life Insurance Co., was doing business in our burg Monday.

Rev. J. H. Hayman filled his appointment here last Sunday. The protracted meeting was deferred until about the middle of October.

Carl Hayman, with a large crew of men passed through here today on their way to the "Sallie Albritton grove," to begin gathering oranges, which are always in advance of all others in maturing.

Oranges are plentiful in this section of DeSoto county. Thousands of boxes are unsold yet.

M. M. Ingraham was a pleasant caller here today.

Miss G. P. Brooker and her mother, Mrs. Mizell, are visiting at Miakka this week.

Mr. M. G. McLeod and family have recently moved from here to Durant. The community at large regrets very much the loss of this noble family. However, we all wish them all the prosperity possible and trust that all their efforts will be crowned with success in their locality.

J. H. Jones, who recently bought the Higginbotham property here, is preparing to make some extensive improvements, judging from the appearances Jim intends making it one of the most attractive pieces of property in the county.

The community was shocked Monday to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. J. W. Sanders, which occurred about 11 o'clock. She leaves a husband and three small children, one of which is only five days old, who have the sympathy of the entire community.

A new boy has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kerr.

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